quality planting material to the orchardist, a total of 85 large conventional nurseries in public sector, 587 small nurseries and 37 tissue culture units in public and private sector are also included. Fund has also been allocated for field demonstration training of farmers and publicity materials on improved fruit production technology. National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also giving assistance to the extent of Rs. 50,000/- per group of 50 farmers for training. Besides, 10 fruit plants at a maximum cost of Rs. 50/- per family is being distributed freely by NBH for the establishment of nutritional garden in rural areas.

Apart from these, Ministry of Rural Development have also launched a scheme on employment assurance for plantation of new fruit crops, for those who are below poverty line under which maximum assistance is available upto Rs. 15,000 per ha.

कपास के बीजों का वितरण

6577. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:**
श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में किसानों को वर्ष-वार कुल कितनी मात्रा में कपास के बीजों का वितरण किया गया ;

(ख) राज्य में उगाए जा रहे कपास की विभिन्न किस्मों के ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान राज्य में कपास का कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) 1991–92 से 1993–94 तक के दौरान वितरित किये गए कपास के बीजों की मात्रा क्रमश: 0.61 लाख क्विंटल, 0.83 लाख क्विंटल तथा 0.89 लाख क्विंटल है।

(ख) राज्य में उगाई जा रही कपास की प्रमुख किस्में हैं–दिग्विजय, वी–797, संजय, रविराज, गुजरात–10, क्यू०यू०जे०–11, जी०यू०जे०–12, जी०यू० जे०–13, जी०यू०जे०–15, एल०आर०ए०–5166, एच–4, एच–6, एच–7, एच–8, एच–9, वरलक्ष्मी, डी०सी०एच०–32, इत्यादि।

(ग) 1991–92 से 1993–94 के दौरान क्रमश: 11.81 लाख, 19.89 लाख और 16.23 लाख गांठों का उत्पादन हुआ।

Central Research Institute for Jute and Alied Fibres

6578. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal has written to the Minister two letters on 13th September, 1994 and 6th December, 1994 proposing solutions for evolution of joint monitoring process involving the Central and State Government to sort out the problems concerning the Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF), Barrackpore;

(b) if so, the response of Government to this proposal and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) if no action is proposed on the suggestions of the Chief Minister, how Government propose to enable the institute to play a meaningful role in the development of jute industry—a major industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.